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Food truck phenomenon creates dilemma

Melissa Mangelsen
Niagara Advance

The issue regarding food trucks in Niagara-on-the-Lake doesn't seem to be any closer to finding common ground after a public information meeting held Monday.

The meeting invited people from the community to have their say, and share their suggestions, whether it be for or against food trucks, if they should be permitted and where.

There was some confusion about the Town's intent, which was to seek input on how to best deal with food trucks, including zoning issues.

Leah Wallace, senior planner with the Town, led the meeting and informed people that a report will go to councillors in mid to late June.

The Town has already met with stakeholders, including restaurant owners and Chamber of Commerce representatives, regarding food trucks.

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Food truck owners say they go through rigorous health inspections

From Page 1

Currently, food trucks are not allowed on public roads or parks or in the Queen Picton Heritage District, and no changes to that are being contemplated. However, the Town is unable to control food trucks that are on federal jurisdiction, such as property owned by Parks Canada.

Some of the core issues shared were the idea that food trucks are competing unfairly, they do not go through the site plan approval process and parking requirements NOTL restaurants and coffee shops must meet, food trucks do not pay large sums of money for their bricks and mortar, do not maintain services to residents throughout the quieter winter months, they do not employ local people on a year-round basis and do not pay taxes to the town.

Food truck owners and supporters had different opinions.

"If a place is allowed to serve food, how is a mobile restaurant, caterer service or a food truck any different?" said one food truck supporter.

Although lack of health inspections are a general concern, one food truck owner said that food trucks are inspected more in one year than a typical restaurant in five years.

In most regions that have accepted the food truck phenomena they are considered food premises, just like restaurants, and are subject to inspections.

Public Health uses three different categories for food vehicles and most 'gourmet' food trucks would be considered mobile preparation premises. Depending on what kind of food is being prepared and with what equipment, there are different standards of inspection. Most regions require a certified food handler supervising the food truck and anyone handling food needs to be certified.

One food truck owner, who claims he's worked for half of the restaurants in NOTL, said that he's seen unsanitary conditions in restaurants, and it's unfair to classify food trucks as "dirty" or "not hygienic".

Food truck owners also argued that they do pay taxes, their annual business license, and they also pay $500 every time they hire a new employee, even if that employee is only there for a couple of weeks.

"Food trucks make a small amount of profit off of their foods. We're not making a fortune doing this," said a food truck owner.

Though most restaurant owners are against seeing food trucks in NOTL, one restaurant owner in Virgil sees things differently.

"Food trucks baven't had any effect to my business. They draw a different crowd into NOTL. I'm happy to share the space with them. I feel like we can work together with food truck operators, instead of against them," she said.

Food truck owners say they're not coming to NOTL to steal business from anyone, they're paying to be here and they're helping to draw a new crowd in as well as participating in the events they were asked to do.

A local resident spoke in favour of the food truck option.

"It provides a different cultural social experience. There is a time and place for food trucks, but my friends and I love going out, grabbing something quick and setting up a picnic," she said.

Food trucks have gained success because of their seasonable produce, rotating menu and lower prices. They also use social media as a strong tool for marketing.

There's no doubt that there is a desire for food trucks, but the question remained, would they benefit the town or not? NOTL is struggling with the challenge of attracting new tourists or young tourists, while keeping the historic and quaint feel to the town.

"If we stay the same in NOTL, we're in trouble. We need to find ways to move forward," said one resident.

Because there are no infrastructure costs, Janice Thomson of the Chamber of Commerce, in a written submission, said it seems food trucks are benefitting from the premium market created by the NOTL business community and food trucks in NOTL can charge more for their products than in other communities.

Some restaurant owners believe that by situating themselves at wineries, the food trucks are benefiting from the wine and culinary market created by existing restaurant operators who have partnered with local wineries for over two decades to help build a market for VQA wines.

Because of their growing popularity mostly at private and special events, town staff has begun to obtain information from across the U.S. and Canada, as well as hearing from residents and stakeholders, before presenting a report to council.

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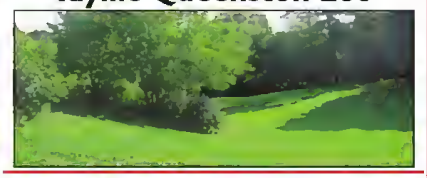

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Work is almost finished on the Virgil Splash Pad, with an official opening planned for May 11.

> Official opening celebration Saturday, May 11, with water turned on June 1

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

You may have seen the work going on throughout the winter.

The new Virgil splash pad and pavilion are almost finished and will be ready to open June 1, with an official unveiling and celebration Saturday, May 11, at 11 a.m.

The site features an environmentally-innovative splash pad, a sheltered 50' x 50' pavilion and handicapped-accessible washrooms and change rooms.

Surveillance cameras have been installed in the pavilion and at the splash pad.

The splash pad features a 140,000-litre tank with a pump under the pavilion. All water will be recycled and reused for watering municipal hanging baskets and flower beds, as well as irrigating the Town's soccer fields.

The pavilion itself will include a viewing area and shade for picnicking, and a mechanical and utility area to service the splash pad.

After town staff visited splash pads in Niagara Falls, Grimsby and St. Catharines to see what was offered at other locations, 11 splash pad components were chosen—those that are the best design and will require the least amount of maintenance, while appealing to kids from toddlers to teens.

In one corner are three spray cannons, designed to interest older kids, there is a toddler area, with a tot twister, three water 'jellies' which are designed for younger kids, and other components are available for all ages.

A bollard activator will allow the water to be turned on when kids are there to play.

This state-of-the art, $500,000 facility was made possible through the contributions of community members, including $250,000 from the Hummel family (in appreciation of their friend and mentor Arthur Dalfen) and $125,000 from the Virgil Business Association.

The Town provided $125,000 from its parks reserve and profits from the 2012 Niagara Golf Classic Tournament went to this project.

Once future funding is secured, the site will be expanded to include playground and fitness equipment next to the splash pad, with this Virgil Business Association dedicating this spring's Virgil Stampede to the playground fund.

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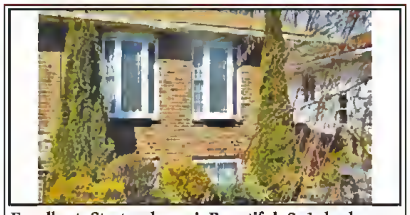

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Council, public debate proposed cottage rental legislation

Presentations from cottage owners and neighbours all over the map on licensing and zoning

Cottage rental owners want changes to proposed licensing bylaws and zoning changes that will regulate their industry—really, they don't want more bylaws at all—but hope to see the issue put to rest sooner rather than later, so they can get on with the business of providing accommodation to tourists.

Town planning staff and councillors heard mixed messages during presentations Monday from both supporters of cottage rentals and residents who don't believe the tourist accommodations belong in their neighbourhood.

Councillors, who had licensing and zoning bylaws before them to approve, admitted to being confused about how to proceed in light of the many different requests, with cottage and bed and breakfast owners asking for everything from fine-tuning wording in the new legislation to throwing it out and reverting to existing noise and parking bylaws, which several cottage rental owners said was all that is needed to regulate their tourist accommodations.

Planning manager said that he's been listening to those mixed messages throughout the process of zoning changes to regulate Bed and Breakfasts, country inns, vacation apartments, cottage rentals and what the Town refers to as villas, with four bedrooms or more.

Parking was a good example of discrepancies between presentations, with suggestions ranging from only two parking spots regardless of how many rooms in a cottage, to one parking space per bedroom, and while some residents supported that to ensure there is no overflow parking on their street, cottage owners or managers were of the opinion that two spaces per rental, the same as a private home, is sufficient—most people who come to stay in a cottage rental arrive in one or two cars, they said.

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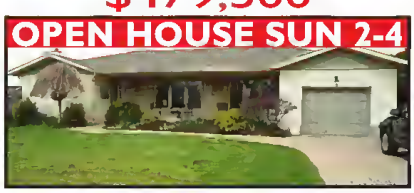

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Councillors approve bylaws but ask for fine–tuning

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There were two distinct pieces of legislation under discussion Monday, both pertaining to rental accommodations.

The licensing bylaw, devised by a committee of councillors and without input from stakeholders, came about as a result of complaints last summer about noise and parking problems from overcrowded rentals and late-night parties.

Licensing deals with issues such as parking enforcement, insurance—which is a cause of great concern to owners as the town requirement has increased to what they consider onerous and unnecessary $5 million liability insurance, up from $2 million in previous years—and penalties for violations, including suspending or revoking the license.

The zoning bylaw discussion follows a recent provincial decision that short-term rental accommodations could be treated differently through zoning than private homes, and deals with where and how to accommodate short term rentals, both existing and in the future.

To be fair across the industry, cottage rentals can occur anywhere bed and breakfasts can exist, the zoning report recommends. It also recommends grandfathering all existing rentals.

Although some cottage rental owners suggested limiting the number of people rather than the number of rooms, planning staff chose to differentiate in a similar fashion as it does with Bed and Breakfasts and country inns—cottage rentals and vacation apartments can have up to three guest rooms, while rentals of four rooms are considered villas, and will be approved only on a site-specific basis.

The zoning bylaw calls for two parking spots for cottages, and one parking spot per bedroom for villas.

It also addresses lot size: new villas with five or more guest rooms must have no less than three-quarters of an acre of property, and an acre is required in rural areas.

Councillors approved the licensing bylaw, and asked planning staff to tweak, or fine-tune the zoning bylaw before it comes to council Monday, reflecting some of the minor changes requested by cottage owners.

Counc. Jamie King spoke eloquently against cottage rentals in NOTL, saying they take away from residential neighbourhoods, and don't contribute to building healthy communities.

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our editorial

Balancing act always difficult in this town

Niagara-on-the-Lake, with its many diversities, is a town that presents interesting challenges for our town managers.

This was clear this week, as two issues were discussed that both require balancing acts to be fair to all involved.

One of the issues is that of allowing food trucks to operate in town.

While there was all kinds of talk about health inspections and bricks and mortar, the real crux of the issue is that restaurants, understandably, resent the competition.

On the other side, many residents who enjoyed the wonderful supper markets last summer, with food trucks presenting some, although not all, of the varied food choices, don't understand why that can't continue.

The organizer of those supper markets who put her own personal stamp on what turned into lovely weekly meetings of locals would like to continue similar events, although elsewhere, but that is all up in the air.

How the town balances those two issues remains to be seen. Some see the food trucks as appealing to a totally different market, others see them stealing business from long-established restaurants who support the community in many ways. Not an easy decision to make.

Similarly, cottage rental owners want fewer restrictions on their industry, and warn that town regulations hampering their ability to do business will negatively impact their significant contribution to the local economy. They plead for better enforcement of existing regulations, rather than tougher restrictions they argue are overkill when only a very small number of cottage owners allow visitors to bother neighbours.

Residents who live nearby those exceptions, where they regularly expect trouble from overcrowding and late-night partying, would love to see the accommodation rental industry seriously curtailed. Their quality of life should not be negatively impacted by property owners operating rentals in residential neighbourhoods, they say.

When a community such as ours has such diverse needs, it's impossible to satisfy everyone.

The answer, of course, is to do what is right. But right for whom? That's the difficulty.

Defender of the Town

Tom Bosley of Bosley Real Estate accepts a certificate of congratulations from Lord Mayor Dave Eke and is presented with a Defender of the Town plaque by Tony Chisholm, fundraising chair of the War of 1812 Bicentennial Committee, at the official opening of Bosley's new King Street real estate office. Giving back to the communities it serves by supporting and participating in its events is an important part of his business philosophy, said Bosley.

letters to the editor

New hospital wait times are due to wait on funding, we're told

The colour supplement in a recent Advance showing our new hospital in St. Catharines made me feel good. The cancer patients were going to be looked after without a trip to Hamilton and all the other departments looked wonderful – then I called a friend regarding an upcoming event and found her very upset as she had spent over 10 hours in the emergency waiting area of the new hospital with her husband the day before, only to be told to go to his doctor the following day as it was his heart that was the problem

One of the volunteers in the area wore a jacket with the words 'ASK ME' on it, so she enquired why things were so bad and taking so long (some very elderly patients were having a rough time), and the answer was that they had not received all the funds they had been promised and she would have been better off going to Port Colborne Hospital.

I am afraid my joy at the fancy pictures of the new facility turned sour. What kind of budget do we have that all the fancy P.R. comes before the patients?

When discussing this facility prior to construction many of us questioned the distance from Niagara-on-the-Lake, and I jokingly suggested that maybe we could have a clause added to say if we died on the way there the funeral costs would be covered by the hospital – sorry to say it does not seem so funny now.

Jean M. Cochrane

Town has responsibility to make heritage preservation a priority

Niagara-on-the-Lake is unique in Ontario as its first Capital. It is this aspect of its past that our Town Vision must celebrate.

As custodians of this precious history, our municipal government and Town residents have a profound responsibility to place heritage preservation first and foremost in creating a vision for its future.

The Town has evolved slowly and selectively over the years with industry and entertainment well suited to its heritage status-theatre, wineries, fruit farms, museums, artists studios, fine dining, golf.

Because of this, it has become a prized destination for visitors who choose to enjoy these pleasures and thus has become very successful.

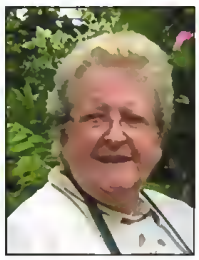
NOTL cannot be all things to all people, nor should it strive to be. It is located within a 15 minute drive of Niagara Falls or St. Catharines, two very different cities that offer a wide variety of industry and entertainment not found here.

We live in this unique historic town—the envy of small towns across Ontario. Let us preserve and protect our beautiful NOTL from unneeded, unwarranted and inappropriate development.

Let us all be custodians of its history and heritage which will become more and more treasured in the years to come.

Val O'Donnell
President
Niagara Heritage Alliance

Victoria Day – official 'safe date' for planting gardens coming up



Jean Cochrane
Happy Gardening

The orchards are in bloom and it is less than three weeks until Victoria Day (our 'official' safe date for planting) – though no guarantees. So that means you better get your soil in good order.

If, like me, you cannot dig, then rake it over well and add compost or some other good fertilizer into it, let the soil warm up before you put your plants in—just remember how you feel if the heat goes off and your feet hit the cold floor, the roots don't like it either.

Once things are established you can use time-release fertilizer, then add a layer of mulch to help keep things cool and damp without encouraging the weeds, as you can see we have to work a fine line to have a successful garden that does not exhaust the gardener.

Keep in mind that the Horticultural Society will be having a Plant Sale May 11 up at the Noeb Lavender Farm on Niagara Stone Road. I will have some Styrofoam peanuts for those who want some for containers – bring your own plastic bag and make a donation to the Hort. Society. I picked up some unusual plants at the sale last year (although the mystery one did not survive, so it remains a mystery).

So get your 'wish list' made up. And study exactly where you plan to plant. Do not pick a shade plant for a sunny location, you are not being fair to the plant, it will struggle and not look as good as it should.

Remember what did well in the hot, dry weather last year as it sounds as though we could be having a repeat.

Happy gardening.

NOTL is full of natural beauty, especially when orchards are in full bloom.

Who is knocking at your door? Seniors can be reassured by contacting CSSN

Community Support Services of Niagara's focus is to help seniors live at home by offering a variety of programs, including screening of home maintenance and repair services

Randy Klaassen
Senior's View

Ahh, springtime—the daffodils and tulips are up, the lawn is green, and the trees are showing signs of life.

Another sure sign of spring time is that when we sit down for supper, the doorbell rings. Someone wants to know if they can ... aerate our lawn, prune our trees, re-shingle our roof, replace our windows, resurface our driveway, etc.

(Our driveway is gravel, but with hopeful eyes, they ask anyway.)

One of my mature neighbors enjoys asking door to door sales people, "Where do you live?"

His assertion is that he does not appreciate sales people from out of town, who are here to do a quick job and disappear. My neighbor's concern raises the issue of whether or not you can trust people who come to your door wanting to do maintenance type work around your home?

Recently I met with Jessie Clutterbuck, one of the service co-ordinators with Community Support Services of Niagara (CSSN).

Community Support Services assists both seniors and adults with disabilities to live independently. Its best known program is Meals on Wheels, operated out of its Welland and Beamsville offices.

CSSN staff say they are grateful for more than 400 volunteers throughout the Niagara Region that are part of a variety of their services.

Volunteers donate thousands of hours of their time each year, helping people to continue to live at home. In addition there are support services offered for which reasonable fees are charged.

One of the tasks recently taken up by Clutterbuck is to co-ordinate the home maintenance and repair services, for the area including Niagara-on-the-Lake.

These types of services are offered for a fee by "brokered workers" and can include heavy house cleaning, organizing and de-cluttering, minor repairs, grass cutting, yard work, and snow removal.

If you call CSSN for home maintenance and repair services you will be offered names of brokered workers who have been screened by CSSN. This means each worker has been interviewed by CSSN, references have been checked, and a police criminal record check has been provided.

Further, the workers they recommend have met a number of requirements including an agreement to a code of ethics, and charging reasonable fees for the work they do.

Since the goal of CSSN is to assist both seniors and adults with disabilities to live independently, screening workers who provide home maintenance and repair jobs for clients who cannot perform the work themselves is a means of offering a level of confidence that workers who show up at your door can be trusted.

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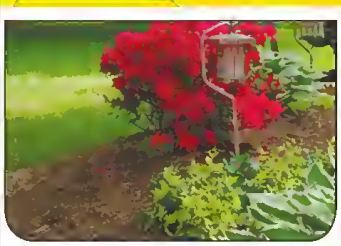

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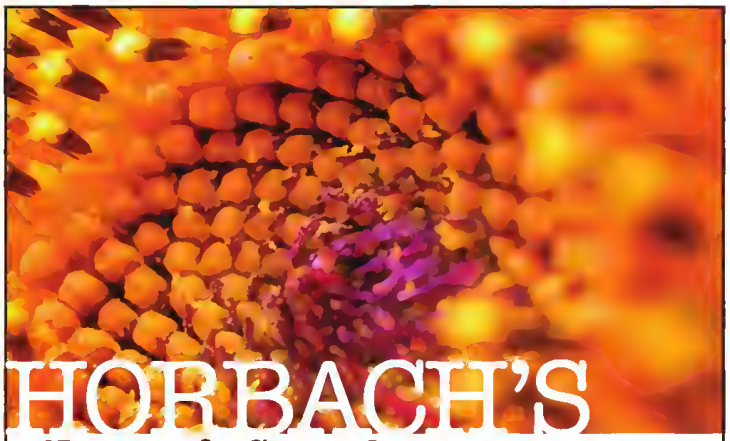

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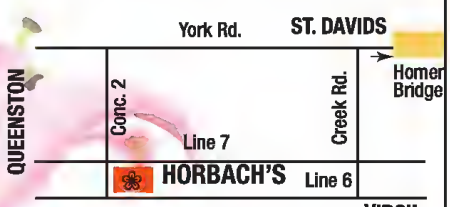

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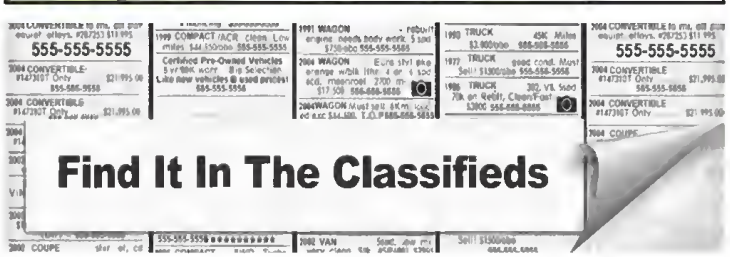

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NOTICE
REGARDING WEEDS & GRASS

As a reminder to all residents, in accordance with the Clean Yards Bylaw 4114-07, that grass or weeds over 20cm in height must be maintained and cut and noxious weeds as defined by the Weed Control Act, must be removed from the property.

As the spring and summer seasons approach the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake would also like to remind residents to inspect their property for the growth of Giant Hogweed, Giant Ragweed and Wild Parsnip and remove them before they have the ability to mature and seed.

Please be aware that extreme caution should be taken around Giant Hogweed. If you come into physical contact with this plant you could experience severe burns to your skin. Contact with eyes can cause temporary or permanent blindness. When working near these plants, protective gear should be worn to reduce any direct contact with them. The Town recommends that you contact a licensed weed removal professional to deal with this plant.

Please be reminded that the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake Clean Yard By-law No. 4114-07 states:

Lot Maintenance:

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MORE INFORMATION

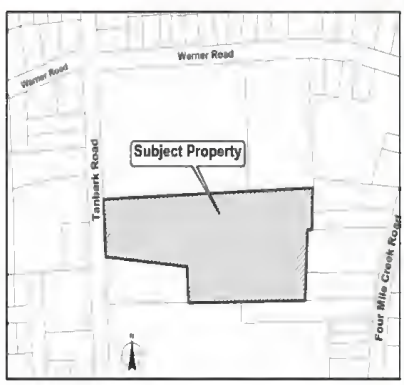
If you have any questions or require any assistance please contact the Town of Niagara- on-the-Lake Enforcement Department at 905-468-3266.

Dated at the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake this 2nd day of May, 2013.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
Tanbark Road - Draft Plan of Vacant Land Condominium, Official Plan and Zoning Amendments

PROPOSED CHANGE

Applications have been made for a Draft Plan of Vacant Land Condominium, Zoning Amendment and Official Plan Amendment to proceed with the development of a 57 unit condominium at 173 Tanbark Road.



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PUBLIC MEETING

Date: May 27, 2013
Time: 7:00 PM or as soon as possible thereafter
Place: Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake
Administration Offices, Council Chambers
1593 Four Mile Creek Road, Virgil,Ontario

WRITTEN SUBMISSION

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MORE INFORMATION

For more information please contact Aaron Butler at 905-468-3266, extension 294. A copy of this notice can be found on the Town's website at www.notl.org.

LEGAL NOTICE
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Emergency rooms overtaxed because patients lack options

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

Have you had what you consider a negative experience while visiting one of our hospital waiting rooms? Do you know what to expect in the way of wait times?

This month's InfoHealth session focuses on the ER and educating the public about what to expect from a visit, the kinds of problems faced by health care providers who work in ER, and the concerns of the public with wait times. A large part of the problem, says Dr. Bill Brown, is people using the emergency department because it's the only after-hours choice— they can't see their family physician or attend a walk-in clinic.

"Probably 20 to 30 % of the patients who go to an emergency room could be better looked-after elsewhere."

The province has moved to family health teams as a way to provide comprehensive care, but was intended to be a 24-hour, seven-days-a week service.

It isn't, he said, because family physicians are, understandably as they try to balance their family life, to commit to a schedule that includes after-hours care.

Physicians choose family medicine as part of a health care team, in part, because they don't want on-call nights or weekends.

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Payment may be made by MAIL or at the MUNICIPAL OFFICE, 1593 Four Mile Creek Road. A 24-hour mail slot is located at the front (Accessible Drop Box) and side entrances of the Town Hall for your convenience. Post-dated cheques are accepted. **Payment may be made electronically from your bank account using the 19-digit roll number.**

If payment is made at a bank or other pay station, your account will be credited only **AFTER** the Town has received settlement from the bank. Please allow **TEN (10)** working days for payment processing.

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NOTICE TO RESIDENTS

The Lord Mayor & Niagara-on-the-Lake Town Council
Invite You To A
COMMUNITY UPDATE

Please join us for the first in a series of community update sessions highlighting the Town's many programs and services, as well as the various policy issues facing Town Council.

Residents are encouraged to share their views on issues of local interest.

Date: Monday, May 13, 2013
Location: Auditorium, Community Centre
Agenda: 7:00 p.m. Lord Mayor's Welcome & Annual Report Presentation
7:20 p.m. Break-Out Sessions with Council Members
8:00 p.m. Councillors to Report on Group Discussions
8:30 p.m. Question & Answer Session

For further information, please contact Dawn McInnis, Corporate Services Department, at 905-488-3061 x 235 or dmcinnis@notl.org.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
16052 Niagara River Parkway – Official Plan & Zoning Change

PROPOSED CHANGE
To amend the Official Plan and Zoning By-law to permit the hosting of weddings and special events on the property.

HAVE YOUR SAY
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PUBLIC MEETING

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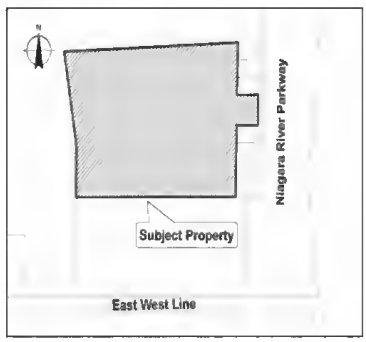

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MORE INFORMATION
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
NS Line 4 Road - Zoning By-law Amendment

PROPOSED CHANGE
To rezone Part 2 as shown in the sketch to Agricultural Purposes Only (APO) Zone to preclude the construction of a residential dwelling.

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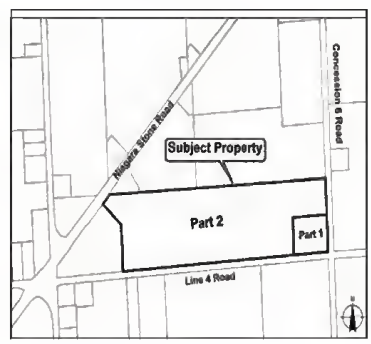

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InfoHealth to focus on ER wait times

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That puts a strain on emergency room care, be says.

The Ministry of Health could deal with excess costs in emergency rooms by enforcing the mandate of family health teams to provide more urgent-care, walk-on clinic hours, he says.

Physicians who are part of family health teams, he believes, could take turns being on call without their workload becoming especially onerous.

The other issue that holds up emergency room care is lack of accessibility to electronic records of patients in family health teams, says Brown.

"It would save a lot of time and hassle if a doctor could access those records. It could be a patient is confused and unable to provide a medical history, but even if that isn't the case, getting that information gobbles up a lot of time."

Patients need to be better educated about when they should go to an emergency room, sucb as when they have symptoms of stroke or heart attack, and consumers should know how emergency rooms, including at the new hospital, stack up against others across the province.

Family health teams are a great concept, "but they've been around long enough now that it's time the province looked at them to see what's working and what's not working, and what we can do to fix them. I think that would go a long way toward improving emergency room and hospital care," says Brown.

Presenting the session on emergency room wait times is Dr. Adrian Crowe, emergency and critical care specialist with McMaster University, and medical resident Dr. Amber Graystone, Wednesday, May 8 at 2 p.m. at the Niagara-on-the-Lake Public Library.

The sessions are recorded by Cogeco, and broadcast on the Cogeco cable channel on Friday, at 6 p.m. and Saturday at 11 a.m. for the following four weeks and thereafter for several months on Cogeco's On-Demand.

Concert welcomes offshore farm workers back to community

Jane Andres organizes annual event to spread message of community acceptance to farm workers who are essential to local agricultural economy

Melissa Mangelsen
Niagara Advance

The Niagara-on-the-Lake agricultural community is coming together to bring the "culture" back to "agriculture" Sunday, for the annual Farm Workers Welcome Concert.

It is a musical night of celebration to welcome the Caribbean offshore workers and show appreciation for their valuable contribution to Niagara's rich agricultural heritage, says organizer Jane Andres.

The concept of the welcome concert began from a seed planted during a trip to Jamaica in February 2007. Andres found herself inspired to create the first concert in conjunction with the Caribbean Workers Outreach Program.

Until that point, there had been no official recognition of the workers' valuable contribution to the local economy.

"You see these workers riding their bikes in the community, or out for walks, but people really never took the time to get to know who they are. I went out one day and realized that there were about 100 workers in an eight-block radius," said Andres.

They held their first concert rehearsal last week and Andres said that's always an exciting time.

"We're celebrating the feeling of family and celebrating unique relationships," she said.

Niagara-on-the-Lake is currently the only community that has an official welcoming for offshore workers.

Music is a great way to celebrate together because it is a universal language. It provides an opportunity for Jamaicans and Canadians to share themselves and their culture, she says

In addition, the concert is also a way to draw attention to the importance of supporting locally-grown produce.

"People need to realize that whenever they purchase something, they're voting with their dollar."

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Farm Workers Welcome Concert brings culture back to agriculture. This year's event will be held Sunday at Orchard Park Church and will include the Toronto Mass Choir, a popular annual attraction. PHOTO BY JOEL HANNIGAN

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Offshore workers' home communities depend on their work here

From Page 12

Canadian farmers are facing incredible challenges as they struggle to compete with subsidized produce flooding the supermarkets.

About 75 % of the offshore workers employed in the agricultural industry also have small farms back home.

Globalization has decimated markets in their home countries so that they can no longer support their families. With the rising cost of fertilizer, land, seed and labour, they find themselves struggling to keep up with prices that the gigantic agribusiness offer.

"For a lot of the offshore workers, their communities and economies are dependent on the money they send home from their work here. It's their only hope of supporting their families."

Shopping locally doesn't just benefit the producers locally, but helps out worldwide as well.

Welcoming workers from other countries recognizes that, she says.

"We have to do better in Niagara to be more inclusive. There are many ways we can be more inclusive, like baking them a cake for their birthday or similar kind gestures," she says.

"It really makes a difference when we make people feel welcome. Being neighbourly seems like a lost art."

All the past concerts have been a success with about 600 people in attendance, selling out quickly.

Priority is given to the residents of Niagara-on-the-Lake for ticket purchases.

"We want to keep this local, so we prioritize our tickets. Once we sell all the ones to Niagara-on-the-Lake, if there are any left over then we provide them to people who don't live here," said Andres.

The concert has generated interest in agricultural communities across Canada as a result of being featured on a four-part series on CBC Radio One in 2010. Last year CBC's The National covered the evening.

The concert will be at Orchard Park Church on Hunter road at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are available at the church office or by contacting jandres@niagara.com.

The Toronto Mass Choir will be returning and Fyah Brigade, with special guests from Meyers Farm also performing.

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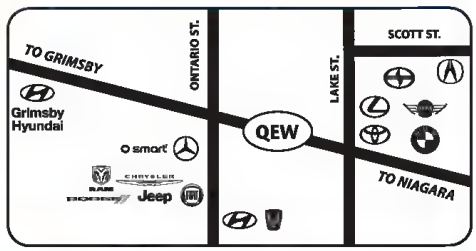

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NOTL students become ambassadors on Rotary exchange program

Rotary fashion show Sunday will help fund students' trips to study abroad

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

The local Rotary Club is delighted to have two students taking part in next September's youth exchange, but has to do some fundraising to support the program.

Jeannie Manning is a Rotary Club of Niagara-on-the-Lake member and a mom who has hosted several students through the Rotary program. She also has a daughter who benefited from studying abroad thanks to Rotary.

The way the program works, she explains, is that for each student the local club hosts, which means finding host families, it can send an outgoing student abroad.

This year, they were fortunate to be able to host two students, and have two local students set to leave in September—Gavin Dalgleish on his way to Argentina, and Mackenzie Hunse going to Sweden.

The students pay their air fair and their medical insurance, but the club finances events that involve interaction with other clubs and exchange students—about six throughout the year—and provides picket money for the students.

Each exchange student costs the club about $4,000.

Students must fill out a 23-page application form, and their selection is not taken lightly, says Manning.

"These kids are tomorrow's leaders."

The Rotary Club is holding its first fashion show, Sunday, May 5, the week before Mother's Day, to help finance the youth exchange program.

It is meant to be a women's event, explains Manning, and that date was chosen hoping that mothers and daughters might make it an early Mother's Day outing.

Fashions from Bella Grace Boutique, Hatley Children's Wear, Presents Jewelery and the NOTL Golf Club will be featured.

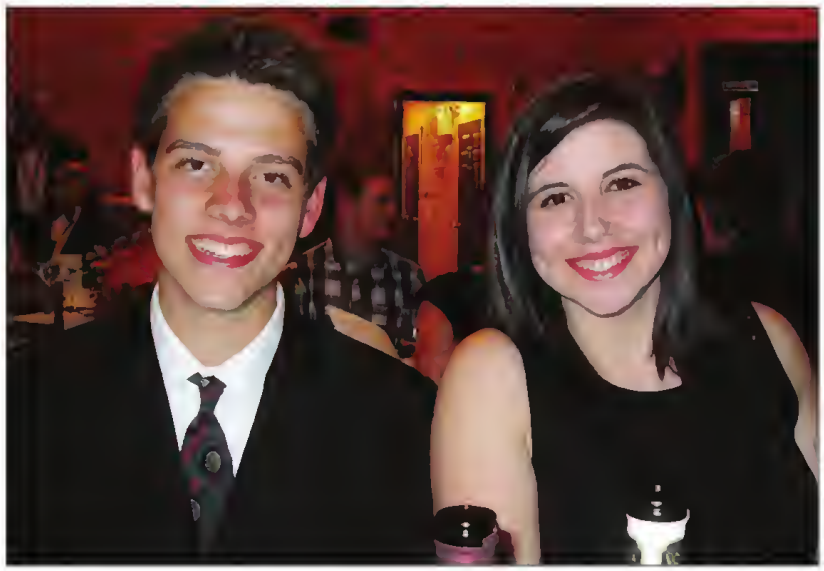
The event is being held at the Gate House Hotel Ristorante Giardino, from 1:30 to 4 p.m, and tickets, at $50, include sparkling wine and hors d'oeuvres. Tickets are available at Bella Grace, 118 Queen St.

The Rotary Youth Exchange has been helping students broaden their horizons for more than 75 years, with more than 80 countries and 8,000 students participating in the program each year.

Exchange students attend school in a different country, learn a new way of living in a different culture and in different households, and also learn about themselves.

They experience first-hand how small the world is and how similar people are although they may live in completely different cultures, says Manning.

Students from NOTL who travel abroad become ambassadors, teaching people they meet about Canada, its culture, and ideas, she adds.



NOTL teen Gavin Dalgleish will leave for Argentina in August and Julie Brochard is here for the year from France, both as part of the Rotary youth exchange program.

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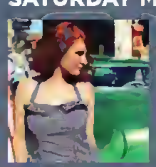

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Students pick 10 best things about Parliament Oak School

Students agree, the best things about Parliament Oak are friendly students and welcoming atmosphere

Parliament Oak Public School
In the Classroom

Annelise Perron, Ryanne Adams & the students of Parliament Oak

In class, students have been reading a non-fiction series called *The 10*.

In this series, an author chooses their 10 best movies, foods, plays, sports etc., and the students compare their 10 favourites to the author's 10 favourites and back up their answers.

The students have begun to form Inquiry Clubs, where a few students choose a book from the series they want to learn about and discuss the book with their group.

We decided it would be fun if we asked the students what their 10 favourite things about Parliament Oak are. We interviewed every class, and here are their answers:

#10 - The gymnasium/computer lab– Students have gym class as part of the curriculum and love getting their energy out. The students also enjoy the fact that our school has quite a spacious gym that they love to use for athletic activities! The students also like going to the computer lab and using educational sites, like Bitstrips, to help them learn.

#9 – The location – Fortunately for us, Parliament Oak is within walking distance to many parks and the beautiful downtown area of Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Some students think it is a good thing that Parliament Oak School isn't near any highways or busy streets, so that students can safely walk or bike to school.

#8 –The Snack Shack – On Fridays during first break, Mrs. McDowell, our principal, sells popcorn and ice cream sandwiches for $1 each. It's not surprising that this made our list, because who doesn't like ice cream and popcorn?

#7 –The size of our school – When you walk down the hallway of Parliament Oak, there's not an unknown face. Because of our school's small size, everybody is friends with everybody. This adds to the welcoming environment of our school.

#6 – Learning – Students at Parliament Oak love to learn. The great teachers make learning fun and exciting, engaging the students and pushing them to do better each day.

#5 –The playground and outside area – We are so lucky to have a vast playground and outdoor area at Parliament Oak in the Old Town. Many students love the twister and swings and enjoy the fresh air outside. Students love to play soccer on the large field and play basketball on the tarmac.

#4 – Amazing parent volunteers – Parent volunteers play a huge role in our school. They give up many hours to help out with the art club and art classes for all the grades, keeping our library organized and running smoothly, helping out with sports teams, and volunteering in the classroom. We also have a dedicated student council and grad committee. We appreciate all the work these parents do and thank them!

#3 – Extra-curricular activities– Students at Parliament Oak are clearly happy to have their extra-curricular activities back. At our school we have an abundance of sports, with four basketball teams all running at once, a golf club, a Grade 8 girls yoga club, and track and field coming up. We also have a Lego robotics club and a chess club. Students are also very excited for their end of year school trips.

#2 – The great staff– At our school we have wonderful teachers and educational assistants, as well as an amazing principal, secretary and custodial staff. They are always willing to help students and assist them in becoming the best students possible.

#1 – Friendly students – An overwhelming amount of students agree that friendly students give our school a welcoming environment, and make our school an enjoyable place to learn. Friendly students make our school a safe place to grow as people.

This list was comprised of feedback from students only, with the exception of one teacher. As you can see, all the students at Parliament Oak love coming to school and applying themselves in all areas of the school.

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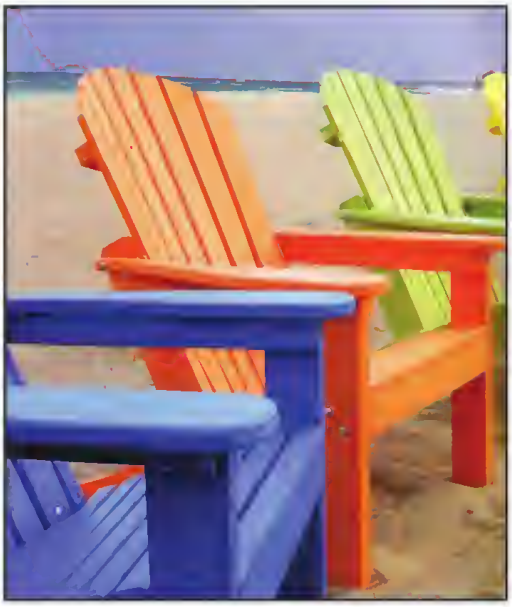

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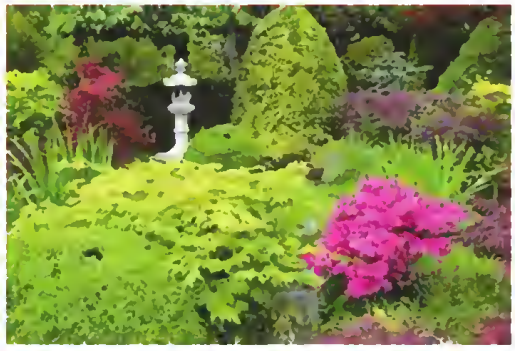

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Fire extinguisher inspections a valuable defence, says safety officer

Melissa Mangelsen
Niagara Advance

Fire extinguishers are very important but are often ignored or forgotten.

For most people fire extinguishers are invisible red cans on walls, never looked at and rarely considered.

Ray White, fire safety officer for Niagara-on-the-Lake, wanted to not only bring to light the importance of fire extinguishers, but also to make sure they were in working order.

Last week the fire department provided businesses with a local opportunity to get their fire extinguishers checked. SimplexGrinnell , an international company that specializes in fire safety equipment, donates their time to come to NOTL to provide this service locally, twice a year.

"If SimplexGrinnell didn't provide us with this service, people would have to go to St. Catharines or Niagara Falls to get them inspected," said White.

If SimplexGrinnell is called to a location it is $30 per house, and $7 per extinguisher checked. The service provided at the Old Town fire hall was done for a cost of $3.50 to inspect each extinguisher.

White visited businesses in Virgil recently to inspect extinguishers and noted that about 70% had not been tagged since the last time he came through in 2010.

It is the responsibility of a business owner to make sure that their extinguishers are not only present, but inspected and tagged annually.

"When I see an untagged fire extinguisher it means one of two things - it's either brand new, or hasn't been checked," he said.

In addition to checking fire extinguishers, SimplexGrinnell also provided a practice for people to learn how to use fire extinguishers.

"People can have the extinguishers, but if they don't know how to properly use them, it may not do them much good," said White.

This was the fifth year the service has been provided in NOTL and White said it's always very successful.

"We're really thankful for SimplexGrinnell—without them we wouldn't be able to host this event."

Fire extinguishers are part of a family of safety devices that should be located in both businesses and homes to keep people safe. It is the law in Ontario to have a smoke detector on every floor, but White noted the importance of having a working carbon monoxide detector as well.

Fire extinguishers are considered the second line of defence behind a working smoke detector and can mean the difference between a small inconvenience and a life-changing event, he said.

MELISSA MANGELSEN Niagara Advance

Jordan Dahl, with SimplexGrinnell, demonstrates how to put out a fire using a fire extinguisher last week. Ray White, the Town's fire safety officer, encouraged people to participate in the practice.

Former community centre gets new name, new look as Vintage venue

The judges have spoken and a winner has been selected.

Vintage Hotels will rename the old Platoff St. community centre the Royal Cambridge at Prince of Wales as the official new member of their chain.

They purchased the building from the town to use it as a banquet centre.

In February, a contest was announced to encourage submissions with suggestions for new names.

Last month, an executive committee of Vintage hotels reviewed more than 130 submissions drawn from Niagara-on-the-Lake residents, Vintage Hotel staff, social media and even a few international guests, and decided on one of 15 submissions that came from the Mary Ward Catholic School Grade 3 class in Niagara Falls.

The name, says a press release, is "wholly fit to mimic the historic Royal family with the Prince of Wales fathering the current Royal Duke of Cambridge."

Vintage Hotels has invited teacher Lisa Traficante and her 18 students for a "royal luncheon" at the Prince of Wales May 13, and will be pulling out all the stops on what they are calling a "red carpet affair," with customized invitations, menu and special transportation.

Vintage Hotels includes the Prince of Wales, Queen's Landing, Pillar and Post and the Moffat Inn in Niagara-on-the-Lake, as well as the Millcroft Inn & Spa located in Caledon, north of Toronto.

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Informal exercise for moms in Virgil

Mothers with kids, strollers, bikes or trikes welcome to gather for gentle exercise Monday mornings

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

When Brun Gossen's first child was born, she decided an informal 'strollercise' session for other new mothers would be good exercise, and an opportunity to get out of the house for a bit of fun in the fresh air.

That was three years ago, when she was on maternity leave for the first time. The sessions, held in the Virgil Sports Park and making the most of the Robert Mori Memorial Pathway, attracted a regular group of about 14 mothers.

Gossen is again home with a newborn, and hopes to revise the classes, with a similar format.

She's not a fitness instructor, she says. She's a mom who wants to make the most of the good weather and get a little exercise.

But she has learned, from the experience three years ago and from her first-born, who is now three and a half years old, not to limit the sessions to babies in strollers.

She recalls that several of the moms who came out had toddlers with them, some on tricycles, some on bikes, some in wagons.

"We even had little girls pushing toy strollers," she says.

"It was neat to see kids of all ages turn out. I'd love to see that again."

She plans to be out on the Mori pathway behind the arena in Virgil Monday at 9:30 a.m., and hopes other mothers will join her.

Sessions will be Monday mornings, 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Once the new splash pad opens, she says, maybe moms will decide to make a morning of it and visit the splash pad after exercising.

It won't be strenuous, she promises, just fun.

"It's for moms who want to get a bit of exercise in the fresh air, and hopefully take advantage of the great weather."

For more information call 905-468-0675.

PENNY COLES Niagara Advance
Brun Gossen began a 'strollercise' program in Virgil when she was on maternity leave with her son Damien. He's now three and a half, Gossen has had her second child, and is planning a similar program beginning Monday.

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Queenston Ladies Choir celebrating 10 years

Melissa Mangelsen
Niagara Advance

Over the past 10 years the Queenston Ladies Choir has developed deep roots within Niagara-on-the-Lake, as well as the Niagara Region.

In celebration of their first decade, they will be holding a special 10th Year Anniversary Concert, which will feature choral music and show tunes at the Seneca Queen Theatre in Niagara Falls.

Lisa Cosens Brillion, who is the founder and conductor of the Queenston Ladies Choir, had a lot of friends who loved singing.

"I thought it would be great to have a local choir," she said.

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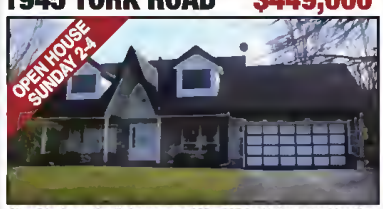

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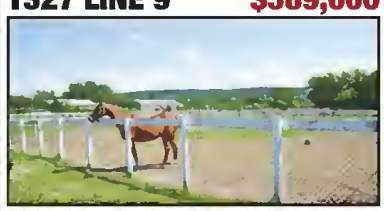

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She thanked her mom, who lives in Manitoba, for the direction to get this started 10 years ago.

"She had her own choir too, and until we had enough money, she would loan us songs," she recalled.

"We're a group of ladies who loves to sing. It's a great way to meet new people and it makes people feel good. It's wonderful for the spirit."

The Queenston Ladies Choir has been holding spring and fall concerts annually for about eight years.

When they started in the fall of 2003, they had 21 dedicated members, which has since grown to 33, 10 of which are still original members.

The Queenston Ladies Choir has preformed at many local events, and holds annual Christmas concerts as well.

They participated in the Rotary Choral Festival and have also hosted three dinner shows. Over the past 10 years they have donated about $20,000 to various causes.

The 10th Year Anniversary Concert will take place May 11 at 7 p.m., and will include hors d'eouves and desserts.

Tickets are $35 per person and must be purchased in advance by contacting queenstonladieschoir@gmail.com or Brillion at 905-262-4610.

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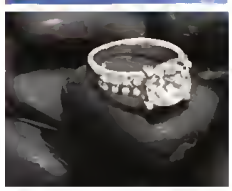

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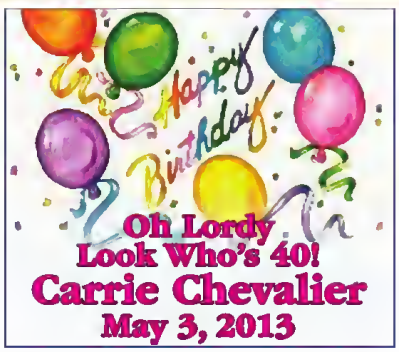

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Vendors needed for giant Kinsmen yard sale coming in May

Melissa Mangelsen
Niagara Advance

The Kinsmen Club of Niagara-on-the-Lake will be hosting a giant yard sale Saturday, May 18, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

This is the first year the club is hosting the yard sale and they're hoping to have a good turnout from community members.

They have 20 tables that they are looking to book for $25 each. President of the Kinsmen Ken Singerland said so far the table rentals are going well.

All proceeds from the yard sale will go to Kinsmen community projects.

Recently, they have donated $500 to Red Roof Retreat, $600 to minor lacrosse and $750 to the Jr. B Thunderhawks.

The yard sale will be held outdoors at the Kinsmen Scout Hall, 430 Mary St., but incase of rain can be moved inside the hall.

The Kinsmen will also be selling refreshments including back bacon on a bun and hamburgers.

"We're just trying to provide a community service for the people in the community. It's a great way to get people together all at once for their spring yard sale," said Singerland.

Anyone interested in renting a table for the morning can contact Peter Hicks at 905-356-2245 or Singerland at 905-651-0057.

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Peter Hicks and other members of the NOTL Kinsmen Club are getting ready for their first giant yard sale.

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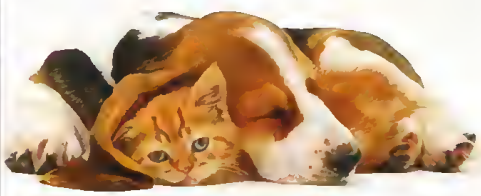

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Giampa scores game–winning goal

In the third week of Niagara-on-the-Lake minor field lacrosse action, teams stormed the fields in Kitchener, with the novice Thunderhawks posting two wins.

The novice players clicked as a team, claiming an 11-0 romp over Kitchener/Waterloo.

Kris Wilson, Keaton Boldt and Macgregor Armstrong all scored two goals apiece while Jaden Patterson, Nolan Price, Matteo Giampa, and Jordan Wiens each contributed singles.

A highlight was Connor O'Gorman finding the net with a stellar goal on his birthday.

In their second game, the novice players faced a tough team from London and pulled out a triumphant 7-6 win in the dying seconds of the game.

Giampa played well contributing three goals, including the game winner.

Boldt scored two while Armstrong and Nathan Rawsthorne each scored singles.

Consistent defence came from Nathan Fehr and Nathan Wilson. Running the ball well were Matteo Fabiano and Christian Blaylock. As usual, Carter Desante was strong in net.

The bantam Thunderhawks played hard but posted two close losses Sunday.

The first came against St. Catharines with a final score of 8-7. Goal scorers included Hunter Lemieux, Chris Smith and Connor Watson with two each and Alex Read with a single.

Contributing on defence were Quinten Walter, Cameron Overstrom and Mike Weier.

Braeden Rawsthorne played well as goalie.

In game twb the Bantams faced Oakville, which again ended in an 8-7 loss. Goals came from Lemieux with three, Smith and Watson with one each, as well as Chris Weier and Aidan Buis with singles. Overstrom was solid in net.

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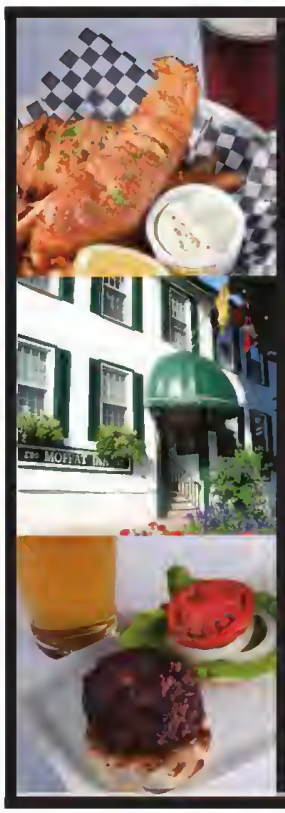
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NOTL novice Thunderhawks Nolan Price and Jaden Patterson go after the ball, storming the Kitchener field and contributing to an 11-0 win for their team.

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Jaedon Lawson, 8, will be racing at Merrittville Speedway beginning next Tuesday, with the support of his dad, Taylor, a former go-karter. Photo supplied

Go–kart driver follows in dad's footsteps

If you're out at the Merrittville Speedway this summer and you see No. 27 fly by, it's Niagara-on-the-Lake's eight-year-old racer Jaedon Lawson.

He will start his first season of go-karting Tuesday and shows no sign of nerves.

Jaedon has always shown a passion for driving, telling his mom and dad that he wanted to be a race car driver since he was about two years old.

"He really wanted to get into go-karting years ago, but we felt he was too young and wanted to wait," said his dad Taylor, who is a former go-kart driver.

Jaedon has grown up around the go-kart scene and seems to be made for the sport. After his first driving school he hit the track where the race director was surprised to learn that this was his first season.

"He kept telling Jaedon how good he was," said Taylor.

He will reach speeds of about 40 miles per hour, which is regulated because of his age group.

He will begin the season racing in the novice 1 class, but Taylor expects Jaedon to be in the novice 2 class in about a month.

Taylor began his go-karting career at the age of nine, racing locally and then eventually all over North America. To pay for his go-karting he got into airbrushing helmets, which led to his career as a sign crafter.

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Cathie Stevens, representing the St. Davids congregation, and Roberta Stark Chevers, representing the Queenston congregation, prepare to cut the cake to celebrate the St. Davids-Queenston 225th anniversary Sunday. Photo supplied

Rotary recognizes community contributions

NOTL Rotary president Howie Kudlats presents member Don MacDonald with a special award for outstanding service at its awards dinner at Caroline Cellars last Tuesday. Franco Olivieri, Catherine O'Donnell and Lorna Penman were given Paul Harris awards for their contributions to the community. Photo supplied

Go–kart driver aspires to take it to the next level

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Taylor was sponsored when he was 12 years old through a factory team, which he raced with for 10 years. By the time he was 13 he was reaching speeds of 100 miles per hour in his go-kart. Now he is Jaedon's mechanic and driving coach.

"I'm extremely excited and proud of him. There are moments when he makes a good pass or has a good lap and you fill with pride," said Taylor.

His mom Jennifer said at first it was nail-biting to let her eight-year-old race a car that almost reaches speeds of vehicles on the road, but said she's proud of his accomplishments.

"Once you see him out there the fear just leaves and it's replaced with pride. I'm a proud Merrittville mom," she said.

Though this is Jaedon's first year, he will race 19 events, and already aspires to continue with racing in his future. "I want to take it to the next level after go-karting and race other cars," said Jaedon.

Go-karting isn't just about hopping in a car and hitting the track, Taylor said—it teaches kids a high level of responsibility as well as discipline.

"Kids also learn mechanics and physics and it really gives them that sense of freedom being in control of a vehicle. They learn a lot of safety too," said Taylor.

For Jaedon, his answer was simple, "my favourite part about racing is that I get to drive."

His mom said that racing helps with their defensive driving once they obtain an license to drive.

"People who have a driving background are more aware and are better able to maneuver the cars. I feel like racing has more benefits than any other sport," said Jennifer.

Because Jaedon is a beginner driver he is still looking for sponsors to help him fund what is a very expensive sport.

Jaedon will race every Tuesday evening at the Merrittville Speedway, located at 2371 Merrittville Hwy, Thorold, ON.

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Ruth pessed eway peacefully on Sunday night. After a lifetime of nursing and nursing edventure which spenned the globe, she retired and enjoyed the ambience of The Wilderness, the long time family home on King Street. Predeceased by her parents, Thomas Parker and Mary (Austin) Perker, end her sisters, Isebelle Parker and Fran McKay.
Cremation has been arranged, to be followed by a Memorial Service and burial at the Parker family plot in Thornton Union Cemetery in Cookstown Ontario, details of which will be announced at a later date. In honour of Ruth's interest in historicel heritage, a donation to the heritage organization of the donor's choice may be made.

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NOTL boy wins third round of U.S. Kids Niagara Spring Golf

Freddy D'Angelo, 11, hopes to earn a trip to a prestigious kids' golf tournament this summer

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

Niagara-on-the-Lake's Freddy D'Angelo won Sunday's U.S. Kids Niagara Spring Golf Tour round at The Legends on the Niagara Golf Course, after two second-place finishes earlier in the season.

The round at Legends was the third in a series of six.

D'Angelo, 11, is competing against a field of about 15 other 11-year-olds, hoping to win a place in the prestigious U.S. Kids Golf Championship held at Pinehurst Resort in Pinehurst, North Carolina in August.

Currently D'Angelo, a St. Michael student, is in second place, 10 points behind the leader.

D'Angelo won the chilly, rainy round with a 74, two over par, getting 30 points toward his total.

He came close to a win in the opening round, going into a playoff, he says. Both players parred the first hole, but he lost it at the second hole, settling for second place.

In the second round at a windy Rockway Glen, he again had to be satisfied with second place, shooting 79.

His two second-place finishes and a win give him 70 points going into the fourth round.

The Grade 6 St. Michael student says he began playing golf with his dad, an accomplished golfer and his coach, when he was two.

The youngest of four brothers, D'Angelo says he's the best golfer because he works hardest, although he also admits that golfing is in his blood.

"It takes natural talent, but it also takes a lot of hard work to get where you want to go."

He already knows he wants a career as a professional golfer.

"It's what I plan to do for the rest of my life."

His parents are considering a move to Florida to help further his skill level, he says.

His love of golf, he says, comes from the "positive impact" it has had on his life.

"It has taken me places I'd never have gone otherwise," he explains, including the North Carolina tournament he played in two years ago, when he qualified as a nine-year-old.

"It was a great experience."

He also likes what golf has taught him, not only about the sport, but about life.

"You learn respect and you learn about etiquette, not only in golf but in the outside world as well."

The next round is at Royal Niagara, and since D'Angelo lives in Niagara-on-the-Green and practises at that course, which is practically in his backyard, every other day in season, he feels he might have an advantage.

'I'm familiar with the course and I'm hoping to do well. I'd love another 30 points to add to my total."

The three-day tournament at Pinehurst, held at the end of August, attracts more than 1,200 participants from across the U.S. and more than 30 countries abroad.

Freddy D'Angelo, 11, has won the third round of the U.S. Kids Niagara Spring Golf Tour, and hopes to earn a place in the Pinehurst, North Carolina championship this August.

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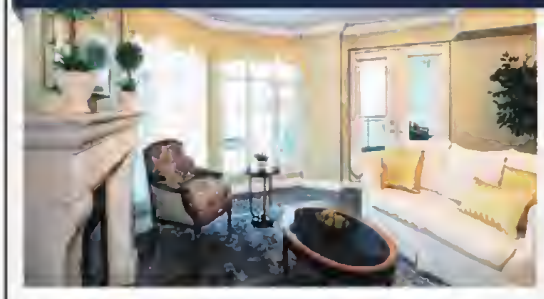

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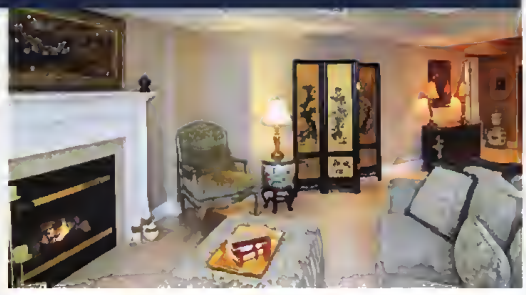

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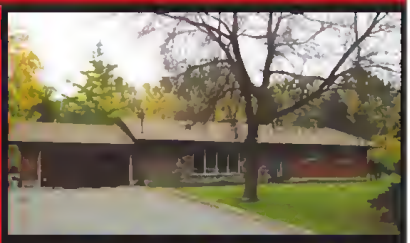

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